

Maryland Board of Pharmacy Public Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2008

Name	Title	Today's Attendance		Year-to-Date Attendance	
		Present	Absent	Present	Absent
Anderson, C.	Commissioner	x		5	1
Bonnett, M.	Commissioner	x		5	1
Bradley-Baker, L.	Commissioner	x		6	0
Chason, D.	Commissioner/Secretary	x		6	0
Finke, H.	Commissioner	x		6	0
Handelman, M.	Commissioner	x		5	1
Israbian-Jamgochian, L.	Commissioner	x		6	0
Leandre, A.	Commissioner	x		6	0
Souranis, M.	Commissioner/Treasurer	x		6	0
Taylor, D.	Commissioner/President	x		6	0
Taylor, R.	Commissioner	x		6	0
Zimmer, R.	Commissioner	x		6	0
Bethman, L.	Board Counsel	x		6	0
Banks, T.	MIS Manager	x		5	1
Costley, S.	Licensing Manager	x		6	0
Eversley, C.	Compliance Investigator	x		5	1
Gaither, P.	Administration and Public Support Manager	x		6	0
Goodman, S.	Public Information Officer	x		6	0
Jeffers, A.	Legislation/Regulations Manager	x		6	0
Naesea, L.	Executive Director	x		5	1 (excused)
Simmons, L.	Executive Secretary	x		1	0
Taylor, A.	Compliance Officer	x		5	0

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I. Call to Order	Donald Taylor, Board President	<p>D. Taylor brought the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. Members of the Board with a conflict of interest relating to any item on the agenda were asked to notify the Board at this time or when the issue is addressed in the agenda.</p> <p>1. D. Taylor announced the result of the election of officers. Donald Taylor-President, Michael Souranis- Treasurer David Chason-Secretary</p> <p>2. D. Taylor presented a draft letter to Legislative Chairs, Delegate Hammen and Senator Conway. The letter requests a meeting to discuss pharmacy related issues prior to the 2009 Legislative Session.</p>	<p>2. Motion: H. Finke made a motion to approve the letter as presented. R. Zimmer seconded the motion.</p>	<p>2. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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II. Approval of the Minutes	Donald Taylor, Board President	<p>Revisions to Minutes: Approval of Minutes: May 21, 2008.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Page 2, Section I. Item 4. Remove "Maryland" and Add "Board." Page 2, Section I. Item 4. Remove "Commissions" and Add "Commissioners." Page 4. Section VII, Item 2. Move Section to following page. Page 5, Section VII, Item 2b, Remove "the" before COMAR. Page 6, Section VIII, Item 2, Remove "the draft PERAC Audit" and Add "The Draft PEAC Report." Page 6, Section VIII. Item 3, Remove "will be." Page 7, Section XI, Item 2b. Remove "pharmacy." Page 7, Section XI, Item 2b. Summary Response –Remove "the", Add "that" and in Section Action/Results, Add "as amended." Page 8, Section XI, Item c. Revise format to include three (3) parts to the response. Summary response- The Practice Committee recommended a response indicating that the pharmacy would be required to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> provide the medications in patient specific prescriptions; become an un-blinded sub-investigator; and exercise extreme caution in compounding and packaging controlled substances. Page 9, Section XII, Item 5. Add "the applicability to the." 	<p>Motion: C. Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. L. Israbian-Jamgochian seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Board Action: The Board voted to approve the minutes as amended.</p>
III. Executive Director	<p>LaVerne Naesea, Executive Director,</p> <p>Donald Taylor, President</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> D. Taylor expressed appreciation for the dedication and hard work performed by Margie Bonnett during her four (4) years as a Board Commissioner. L. Naesea apologized for missing the May 2008 meeting of the Board due to attendance at a DHMH sponsored training session. L. Naesea introduced the new Executive Secretary, LaToya Simmons. L. Simmons will support L. Naesea, A. Jeffers, and Board Commissioners. L. Naesea introduced the new Receptionist, Anasha Page. L. Naesea expressed appreciation to P. Gaither for her efforts in recruiting, interviewing and obtaining permanent status for the new personnel. L. Naesea reported that the DHMH internal audit is still in process. Minor issues relating to separation of duties and use of the State's computer system have been reported to the staff, but to date no major issues have been reported. L. Naesea reported that the new six (6) month contract for the new Board 		

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		database system has been signed and on-site support should begin soon.																											
IV. Board Council Report	Linda Bethman, Board Counsel	No Report																											
V. Division of Drug Control	Ann Taylor, Compliance Officer	<p>1. A. Taylor presented the Division of Drug Control Report for April 2008.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th><th>Total</th><th>Retail</th><th>Institutional</th><th>Distributors</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Inspections</td><td>80</td><td>72</td><td>8</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Opening</td><td>13</td><td>7</td><td>0</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr> <td>Closing</td><td>5</td><td>5</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Special Investigations</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2. D. Taylor requested additional information from DDC regarding the status of opening and closing inspections.</p>	Type	Total	Retail	Institutional	Distributors	Inspections	80	72	8	0	Opening	13	7	0	6	Closing	5	5	0	0	Special Investigations	0	0	0	0		<p>2. Action Item: A. Taylor to request informational status of opening and closing inspections from DDC.</p>
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VI. PEAC Report	Anthony Tommassello P.E.A.C.	<p>1. A. Tommassello reported that the two reports of positive urines reported last month involved one student. The student was placed on additional monitoring and results reporting under PEAC protocol. The results were reported to the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. The positive urine result required a change to the student's contract.</p> <p>2. Tommassello reported that PEAC has responded to the Board request for information on its audit and is awaiting a response from the Board.</p> <p>3. Tommassello reported on the new PEAC program "Bridge to Safety" dealing with workplace substance abuse. The program is focused on reducing the time to recovery for pharmacists in the workplace.</p> <p>4. Tommassello reported on the PEAC annual continuing education program scheduled for October 18, 2008 at the Maritime Institute. Schedule reminders were sent in the mail last month.</p> <p>5. C. Anderson requested information on the process for monitoring the status of recovering students once they qualify for licensure and become licensed. A. Tommassello was asked to develop a process for post licensure contract renewal for students previously enrolled in PEAC contracts.</p> <p>6 D. Taylor requested clarification on what occurs once a monitored student graduates and becomes licensed. Will PEAC require the newly licensed pharmacist to sign a regular PEAC pharmacist contract and will the length of the contract change with licensure?</p>		<p>5. Action Item: A. Tommassello to report for Board review on development of a new contract for new licensees previously enrolled with PEAC.</p>																									

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		<p>7. Tommassello presented the PEAC report for May 2008 summarized in the following chart.</p> <table><tr><th>Category</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Pharmacist</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>Technician</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Pharmacy Student</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Total Self Referred</td><td>15</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td>Drug Test Results</td><td>42</td></tr><tr><td>Positive Urine Results</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Client Discharges</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>New Cases</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Self Referrals transferred to the Board</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Board Cases requesting PEAC assistance</td><td>8</td></tr></table>	Category	Total	Pharmacist	12	Technician	1	Pharmacy Student	2	Total Self Referred	15	Drug Test Results	42	Positive Urine Results	0	Client Discharges	1	New Cases	0	Self Referrals transferred to the Board	0	Board Cases requesting PEAC assistance	8		
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VII. Introductions	Donald Taylor, Board President	D. Taylor requested that all guests introduce themselves and sign the guest log.																								
VIII. Legislation and Regulations	Anna Jeffers, Legislation and Regulation Manager	<p>1. Regulations- Approval of Revisions</p> <p>A. COMAR 10.34.32 Pharmacist Administration of Vaccinations</p> <p>Jeffers provided the draft of COMAR 10.34. 32. Pharmacist Administration of Vaccinations for Board approval. It was reported that there is some limitation on the availability of specialized continuing education programs on specific types of vaccinations.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding the requirements for the location of record retention related to vaccine administration.</p> <p>The regulations were returned to the Practice Committee for resolution of the records retention issue.</p> <p>B. A. Jeffers presented the proposal for changes to COMAR 10.27.04. Dispensing in Methadone Clinics</p>	<p>A. Motion: L. Bradley-Baker made a motion to limit the C.E. requirements to general subjects regarding vaccinations. M. Souranis seconded the motion.</p> <p>B. Motion: H. Finke made a motion to add the</p>	<p>A. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the change to the C. E. requirements.</p> <p>Action Item: A. Jeffers to research vaccine record retention requirements.</p> <p>B. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the amendment.</p>																						

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		<p>2. Regulations- Status Update</p> <p>A. A. Jeffers reported that COMAR 10.34.19 Sterile Pharmaceutical Compounding will be submitted to the Department by the end of the month and then will be submitted to the Maryland Register. After publication a 30 day comment period will follow.</p> <p>B. Drug Therapy Management Program</p> <p>A. Jeffers reported on the May 30, 2008 meeting with M. Rodrigues DeBittner at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy to discuss promotion of the Drug Therapy Management Program (DTM). The program is not widely used because of problems which include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The program is perceived to be too complicated. There is a significant time lapse between submission of a proposal and final approval. There is limited awareness of the program among practicing pharmacists. <p>Ms. Naesea and Dr. Rodrigues DeBittner identified several steps that could be taken in the next year to increase pharmacist involvement in DTM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board/School co-sponsor a training workshop for pharmacists; Meet with Dr. Wasserman from Med-Chi to promote the program; 	<p>requirement to provide patient education materials when the medication is dispensed. R. Zimmer seconded the motion.</p> <p>B. Motion: L. Israbian-Jamgochian made a motion to approve the revisions to COMAR 10.27.04. Dispensing in Methadone Clinics as amended. M. Souranis seconded the motion.</p> <p>B. Motion: C. Anderson made a motion to approve the proposal for promotion of the DTM program. R. Zimmer seconded the motion.</p>	<p>B. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>B. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the recommendations for promotion of the DTM program.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage submission of a newsletter article for publication by the Physicians Board, or Med-Chi, that discusses the advantages of DTM for physicians; • Contact the original workgroup of physicians and pharmacists who were supportive of the DTM concept and discuss how to engage more physicians and pharmacists in DTM contracts; • Perform outreach to patients themselves regarding management of medications for chronic illnesses noting advantages of more immediate access for medication adjustments; • Remove barriers in the process and provide status updates to applicants with pending program decisions; • Create and provide lists of trained pharmacists to physicians that may be interested and similar list of interested physicians to possible pharmacist partners; • Discuss the review committee concerns at the next Joint Committee meeting with Dr. Farrah, particularly the need to appoint a second physician representative to the Committee and to decrease delays in reviewing proposal/protocols; • Contact Dr. Frank Calia for promotional ideas; • Present DTM as a public health initiative to address trends in chronic diseases and work with physicians to establish DTM with physicians at public health clinics (perhaps contracting with a new public health consultant group, Dr. Gourdine, to develop ideas and assist in networking); • Partner with the Baltimore City Health Commissioner to see if DTM could be utilized in Baltimore City Health Clinics; • Contact health clinics in Baltimore, Cecil, Frederick and other Maryland Counties. <p>At the end of the meeting Ms. Naesea outlined the process for Board Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare summary of the meeting • Prepare brief article promoting DTM for the Spring Newsletter • Place on the Agenda for the next Executive Committee Meeting • Place on the Agenda for the Board Meeting in June. <p>C. A. Jeffers presented the draft survey for the SB 759, Wholesale Distributor Workgroup Survey . The Workgroup's survey of the availability of electronic track and trace technology across the entire prescription pharmaceutical supply chain will provide documentation for a report to the Legislature that will result in recommendations for the date to begin enforcement of electronic pedigree for pharmaceuticals in Maryland. It was noted that California has delayed implementation until 2011. It was noted that there were typographical errors in questions 7 and 20.</p>	<p>C. Motion: R. Zimmer made a motion to approve the survey with a cover letter explaining the terminology included in the survey to permit holders and wholesalers. C. Anderson</p>	<p>C. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the survey with revisions.</p> <p>Action Item: A. Jeffers to develop a letter of explanation for submission with the survey.</p>

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		<p>D. Presentation of revised COMAR 10.34.09 Fees for Board approval</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate wording for pharmacist reinstatement fees for less than two years and more than two years. Linda Bethman will provide concise language to Anna Jeffers to include in the proposal.</p> <p>E. Legislative Report concerning reasonableness of the pharmacy technician fees to cover Board expenditures. The 2006 pharmacy technician legislation requires the Board to review its fees and expenditures for the registration of pharmacy technicians and report to the Legislature by January 1, 2009 on the reasonableness of the fees to cover the expenditures. Since the regulations were effective a year later than expected, A. Jeffers asked the Board's permission to write a letter to the Legislature explaining that a full report would be more comprehensive is submitted on January 1, 2010.</p>	<p>seconded the motion.</p> <p>D. Motion: M. Souranis made a motion to approve the proposed regulations as amended. D. Chason seconded the motion.</p> <p>E. Motion: M. Souranis made a motion to approve a submission of a letter requesting an extension for the pharmacy technician report. D. Chason seconded the motion.</p>	<p>D. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the fee structure.</p> <p>E. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the submission of a letter requesting an extension for the pharmacy technician report.</p>										
IX. Administration & Public Support	LaVerne Naesea, Executive Director	<p>1. L. Naesea reported that the response to PEAC will be submitted prior to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>2. L. Naesea reported that the Pharmacist Rehabilitation Contract is in draft form and will be submitted to review by H. Finke and Rodney Taylor this month.</p>		<p>1. Action Item: P. Gaither to provide Board response to Executive Committee.</p> <p>2. Action Item: P. Gaither to provide draft contract for review by H. Finke.</p>										
X. Management Information Services	Tamarra Banks, MIS Manager Donald Taylor, President	<p>T. Banks provided a summary of the written report.</p> <p>1. The report included a summary of the e-mail trends for 2007 and 2008 to date. The use of the public websites has been increasing each month this year.</p> <table><tr><th>Month</th><th>Totals</th></tr><tr><td>February 2008</td><td>11,885</td></tr><tr><td>March 2008</td><td>14,334</td></tr><tr><td>April 2008</td><td>14,345</td></tr><tr><td>May 2008</td><td>15,209</td></tr></table> <p>2. T. Banks reported that the contract for the in-house database was signed on</p>	Month	Totals	February 2008	11,885	March 2008	14,334	April 2008	14,345	May 2008	15,209		
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		<p>June 11, 2008 and that on-site work will begin the week of June 20, 2008.</p> <p>3. T. Banks reported that the pharmacy inspection forms have been converted to electronic format and are being loaded on to the Board-owned laptop computers.</p> <p>4. T. Banks reported that the contract for Matthew Smith will expire in June. The need for his services for hardware maintenance and disaster recovery is ongoing. T. Banks requested a three (3) month extension to his consulting contract while awaiting a plan for requesting a regular contractual position to meet some of the on-going responsibilities current performed by the consultant.</p> <p>5. T. Banks reported that disaster recovery training would be provided to staff and Board members this Summer.</p> <p>6. T. Banks reported on the receipt of e-mails by the staff during May and reminded the Commissioners that the secure website passwords would be changed at the end of June.</p> <p>7. T. Banks reported that an evaluation of new laptop computers is being conducted and input from Commissioners would be helpful.</p> <p>8. T. Banks reported that she attended a demonstration on workflow software that would track data, such as applications, once entered into a system and electronically assigned to individuals for processing until the process is completed. The cost was approximately \$40,000.</p> <p>9. T. Banks reported that the DHMH requests everyone re-acquaint themselves with the Software Use Policies and sign verification of such. The summaries have been provided to Staff, and are available to the Board via the secure web site.</p>	<p>4. Motion: L. Israbian-Jamgochian made a motion to approve the contract extension. H. Finke seconded the motion.</p>	<p>3. Action Item: T. Banks to continue loading pharmacy inspection forms onto inspectors' laptops.</p> <p>4. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the contract extension.</p> <p>8. Action Item: T. Banks to continue to investigate this workflow software.</p> <p>9. Action Item: Commissions to review DHMH software policies and provide signed copy to T. Banks.</p>
XI. Public Relations Committee Report	<p>Donald Taylor, President</p> <p>Cynthia Anderson, Emergency Preparedness Task Force Chair</p>	<p>1. D. Taylor reported on the emergency preparedness drill conducted in Maryland from June 17th to 19th, 2008. The Board Emergency Preparedness Task Force participated at the RSS site with C. Anderson serving as the Board Lead.</p> <p>2. C. Anderson reported that the Emergency Preparedness Task Force played a significant role at the RSS because of the support provided in identification and distribution of the supplies. The Task Force uncovered several errors in issuing masks and inventory controls of pharmaceuticals. There were four (4) specific roles identified including communications, inventory assignments, pick and pack</p>		

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	Summar Goodman, Public Information Officer	<p>support and final verification of shipments.</p> <p>3. D. Taylor reported that the CDC has mandated development of a program for pre-positioning of antiretroviral medications but that the State of Maryland has not developed an inspection plan. A plan would require regular surveys of storage sites to assure the following three (3) criteria are met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The inventory of pharmaceuticals is correct and all supplies are in place. b. Storage conditions meet the USP requirements. c. There are limits on access to authorized personnel. <p>There are plans for six (6) sites at this time but there may be up to twenty (20) sites.</p> <p>D. Taylor recommended that the Board support the program by providing Board inspections of the sites on an annual basis</p> <p>4. S. Goodman reported that the DELMARVA Professional Review Organization has asked the Board to participate in a Patient Safety Initiative to reduce inappropriate prescribing of medications to the elderly. M. Handelman and S. Goodman will represent the Board.</p> <p>5. S. Goodman requested articles for the Summer Newsletter.</p> <p>6. S. Goodman requested that Commissioners and staff survey the Board's website and offer recommendations for improvements in format and style.</p>	<p>3. Motion: R. Zimmer made a motion to approve the use of Board inspectors to provide oversight to the Maryland storage program A. Leandre seconded the motion.</p> <p>4. Motion: C. Anderson made a motion to support the DELMARVA initiative. L. Israbian-Jamgochian seconded the motion.</p>	<p>3. Board Action: The Board voted to approve recommendation to provide inspections.</p> <p>4. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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		<p>7. S. Goodman reported that the Summer Newsletter is being held awaiting final information on the revised Board fee structure so that an article can be added.</p> <p>8. S. Goodman reported that an outreach breakfast with continuing education is being planned for October 2008. A program that will include information on error reductions and drug therapy management is recommended.</p> <p>9. S. Goodman reported that the Board staffed a booth at the MPhA Convention in Ocean City staffed by S. Goodman and A. Taylor.</p> <p>10. S. Goodman reported that the Annual Report is ready and will be provided to all Commissioners.</p> <p>11. S. Goodman reported that the Board logo will be retained but will be reproduced in a better format to improve the look of the logo in Board publications.</p> <p>12. D. Taylor reported that four (4) Commissioners attended the MPhA convention. There were CE programs on various subjects over the 4 day Program.</p> <p>a. Dean Eddington discussed the groundbreaking at the new Pharmacy Hall of the University of Maryland and was interested in having pharmacy students being provided opportunities for emergency preparedness training with the Board of Pharmacy.</p> <p>b. Dean Anne Lin, Notre Dame of Maryland School of Pharmacy provided an update on the status of the new school and asked to make a presentation to the Board in July or August 2008.</p> <p>c. J. Fader made a presentation in which he indicated that he expected a change in inspections of pharmacies by Board staff and possible increased inspection of the offices of dispensing physicians by the DDC.</p> <p>d. The MPhA House of delegates passed resolutions asking for increased inspections of dispensing physicians, relaxation of DEA restrictions on electronic prescribing of controlled substances and for the Board of Pharmacy and the DHMH to provide public education on the dangers of acetaminophen overdoses.</p> <p>13. M. Handelman reported that the OHCQ has asked that the Board assist in any way possible to provide public notification of the heparin recall to remove products from all long term care facilities. A brief notice has been place on the Board's website and in the upcoming newsletter.</p> <p>14. M. Handelman reported that ASCP has scheduled a continuing education program for June 20, 2008 at Ruth's Chris Restaurant.</p>		
XI. Practice Committee	Reid Zimmer, Chair	<p>1. R. Zimmer reported that there were no response letters prepared in June because the Practice Committee devoted the meeting time to proposals for revisions to current regulations.</p> <p>Regulations currently undergoing revisions by the Practice Committee:</p>		

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		Student Exemption Apps to date		2	1	8	60	n/a		
		Total Apps Received to date		77	219	940	1484	n/a		
		Registered to date		50	94	464	746	n/a		
		Registrations pending to date		27	125	476	738	n/a		
		Pharmacies								
		New In-State					4	4		
		New Out-of-State					3	3		
		New Waiver					0	0		
		Total New Pharmacies	0	0	0	0	7	7		
		Closed In-State					1	3		
		Closed Out-of-State					1	0		
		Closed Waiver						0		
		Total Closed Pharmacies	0	0	0	0	2	3		
		Total In-State Pharmacies		1127	1129	1129	1132	1115		
		Total Out-of-State Pharmacies		354	355	359	363	357		
		Total Waivered Pharmacies		104	105	105	103	112		
		Total Pharmacy Permits		1585	1589	1593	1598	1584		
		Distributors								
		New In-State					5	2		
		New Out-of-State					14	6		
		Total New Distributors	0	0	0		19	8		
		Closed In-State					1	0		
		Closed Out-of-State					1	1		
		Total Closed Distributors	0	0	0		2	1		
		Total In-State Distributors		174	175	176	183	188		
		Total Out-of-State Distributors		659	671	693	707	631		
		Total Distributors		833	846	869	890	819		
		Rx Drug Repository Program								
		Total Apps Received		4	4	4	4	n/a		
		Approved		0	0	0	0	n/a		
		Pending		3	3	3	2	n/a		
		Withdrawals		1	1	1	2	n/a		

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		2. C. Anderson presented the revised proposal for registration fees				2. Motion: R. Zimmer made a motion to approve the proposed registration fee schedule as presented. L. Israbian-Jamgochian seconded the motion.	2. Board Action: The Board voted to approve motion. Action Item: A. Jeffers to confer with M. Finney on the format of the proposed regulations prior to submission. The revision to be submitted as a regular revision to Regulations.
			Not practicing on expired license	Practicing on expired license			
		Fee Description	Reinstatement in less than 2 years; work as pharmacist voluntarily suspended	Reinstatement for up to 2 yrs after license expiration	Reinstatement for beyond 2 yrs of license expiration		
		Standard Renewal Fee	\$150	\$150	\$150		
		Current Reinstatement Fee	\$65	\$65	\$80		
		Current Late Fee	\$0	\$100	\$100		
		Total Current Cost of Reinstatement:	\$215	\$315	\$330		
		Standard Renewal Fee	\$150	\$150	\$150		
		Proposed Reinstatement Fee	\$165	\$165	\$180		
		Proposed Late Fee	\$0	\$200	\$200		
		Total Proposed Cost of Reinstatement:	\$315	\$515	\$530		
		Net Increase in Reinstatement Fees:	\$100	\$200	\$200		
		3. C. Anderson reported that the ICEPT Technician Training Program had received accreditation by NCCS and asked whether it would be approved by the Board as an acceptable testing program. The Board agreed to approve the status as a ‘Nationally Recognized” testing program.					
		4. S. Costley presented the report on the status of approval of training programs and indicated that the Licensing Department staff is receiving help from other staff members to keep up with the large number of applications.					
		5. C. Anderson asked whether the deadline for compliance with the Regulations for technician registration should be postponed to provide adequate time for the Board to approve training programs and to facilitate submission of background checks and applications.					
		5. Motion: C. Anderson made a motion to retain the deadline for					
		5. Board Action: The Board voted to defeat the motion.					

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		<p>6. In response to discussion regarding the possible delay in the implementation of the Technician Registration Program, A. Jeffers reported that the Board is obligated to report to the legislature on the reasonableness of the charges for the Technician Registration Program, and could include an explanation for the implementation delay to the Legislature at that time.</p> <p>7. The Commissioners discussed other methods to facilitate registration without overwhelming the Board Licensing committee members and staff and easing the impact on pharmacies and technicians during the initial registration phase.</p>	<p>programs at 7/28/08 and postpone the requirement for registration of technicians until 10/1/08 D. Chason seconded the motion.</p> <p>6. Motion: R. Zimmer made a motion to send a letter to the Legislature explaining the delay in implementation of the Technician Registration Program. L. Israbian-Jamgochian seconded the motion. Motion:</p> <p>7. Motion: C. Anderson made a motion to postpone the</p>	<p>6. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the recommendations to send an explanatory letter to the Legislature.</p> <p>7. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion. Action Item: Licensing</p>

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		<p>8. M. Souranis announced that the training program from NeighborCare/Omnicare has been approved by the Licensing Committee.</p> <p>C. Anderson was recused.</p>	<p>date for inspection of registrant licensure until February 28, 2009. M. Souranis seconded the motion.</p> <p>8. Motion: M. Souranis made a motion to approve the training program. M. Handelman seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Committee to develop an announcement for publication in the Summer Newsletter and a letter to all applicants to announce the postponement.</p> <p>8. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>														
XIII. Long Term Care	Mayer Handelman, Chair	<p>1. M. Handelman reported that the Long Term Care Task Force will begin development of proposed Regulations using the previous proposals and the HFAM Model Regulations.</p> <p>2. M. Handelman reported that there will be a Newsletter article asking for increased participation by pharmacists in performing LTC inspections. It was suggested that a Drug Therapy Management program be developed for LTC pharmacy.</p> <p>3. M. Handelman announced that the revised LTC Inspection Report would be provided to the Disciplinary Committee in July.</p>																
XIV. Disciplinary Committee	Rodney Taylor, Chair Ann Taylor, Compliance Officer	<p>1. A. Taylor presented the Compliance Unit Monthly Report for May 2008.</p> <table><tr><th>Complaints</th><th>Number</th></tr><tr><td>Category</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Technician</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Pharmacists</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Open Complaints</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Referred to AG</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>New Complaints</td><td>12</td></tr></table>	Complaints	Number	Category		Technician	0	Pharmacists		Open Complaints	10	Referred to AG	5	New Complaints	12		
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		<p>2. L. Naesea reported that the State of Maryland has begun collecting standardized statistics from all agencies and the Board of Pharmacy will be provided with a mandatory list of statistics to report each month.</p>			<p>2. Action Item: L. Naesea to provide a report to all Committees indicating the mandatory statistics required.</p>																						
		<p>3. A. Taylor reported that the new pharmacy inspectors have received training on inspections of retail, nuclear, sterile processing and hospital pharmacies. There will be training conducted on July 1st on the requirements for inspection of wholesalers with a focus on the pedigree requirements in the regulations. Transitional meetings are scheduled with the staff of DDC. DDC will continue to perform closing inspections. Due to the sharing of responsibilities there will need to be close coordination of all inspections between the Board inspectors and the DDC staff.</p>																									
		<p>4. A. Taylor reported that a fiscal year 2008 inspection report is near completion and that 2009 inspection schedule is in development.</p>			<p>4. Action Item: A. Taylor to provide a 2008 inspection report.</p>																						
		<p>5. A. Taylor reported that the inspections forms for wholesaler and nuclear pharmacies are nearing completion.</p>			<p>5. Action Item: A. Taylor to provide a draft inspection forms to the Board in July 2008.</p>																						
		<p>6. A. Taylor reported that the temporary position for Vanessa Gray has been approved for permanent status. The three inspector positions have also been approved for permanent status. The fourth inspector position is contractual. A candidate who has been interviewed has a needed skill set but is not currently eligible for technician registration.</p>			<p>6. Motion: C. Anderson made a motion to have the Executive Committee interview the candidate. M. Bonnett seconded the motion.</p>																						
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XV. New Business	Donald Taylor, Board President	<p>1. D. Taylor asked Senator Hollinger for information on the status of the DHMH Task Force on drug monitoring. Senator Hollinger reported that some appointments have been announced and the meetings have not been scheduled.</p> <p>2. D. Taylor announced that Board Member per-diem payments had been discussed at the Executive Committee meeting as a result of a question raised by a Commissioner. Several Boards have increased per-diem payments. D. Taylor reported that the Board's budget would allow some increase without requiring an increase in licensing fees.</p> <p>3. D. Taylor asked for a motion to close the Public Meeting for the purpose of opening a Closed Public Session of the Board to conduct a medical review of confidential – applications.</p>	<p>2. Motion: H. Finke made a motion to increase the per-diem to \$200 per meeting. M. Souranis seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion: H. Finke made a motion to amend the prior motion to increase the per-diem to \$150 per meeting. R. Taylor seconded the motion.</p> <p>3. Motion: A. Leandre made a motion to close the Public Meeting for the purpose of conducting a medical review of confidential applications. C. Anderson seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Board Action: The Board voted to approve the amendment.</p> <p>Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion as amended.</p> <p>3. Board Action: The Board voted to approve closing the Public Session and opening a Closed Public Session.</p>

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		<p>The Public Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M. Immediately thereafter, Donald Taylor convened a Closed Public Session.</p> <p>4. The Closed Public Meeting was reopened at 12:45 P.M.</p> <p>5. The Closed Public Meeting was adjourned at 11:56 A.M.</p> <p>6. The Public Meeting was reopened at 11:57 A.M.</p>	<p>4. Motion: A. Leandre made a motion to close the Closed Public Meeting. M. Souranis seconded the motion.</p> <p>5. Motion: A. Leandre made a motion to reopen the Public Meeting. M. Souranis seconded the motion</p>	<p>4. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>5. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>
XVI. Informational	Donald Taylor, Board President	<p>1. D. Taylor thanked M. Bonnett for her work of the past 4 years on the Board.</p> <p>2. D. Taylor reported that Commissioners have asked for information on the functions of the Executive Committee. He announced that the Committee performs the following functions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assists in resolving personnel issues relating to recruitment and hiring. b. Reviews the status of issues to be brought before the Board. c. Supports Committee action plans by using reports focused on projects and problem issues. <p>3. D. Taylor asked that all Commissioners respect the Board chain of command by bringing all issues to L. Naesea or the Executive Committee since the staff cannot complete individual assignments from each Commissioner.</p>		

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XVII. Adjournment	Donald Taylor, Board President	The Public Meeting was adjourned at 1:02 P.M. Immediately thereafter, Donald Taylor convened an Administrative Session for purposes of discussing confidential disciplinary cases. With the exception of cases requiring recusals, the Board members present at the Public Meeting continued to participate in the Administrative Session.	Motion: R. Taylor moved to adjourn the Public Meeting. A. Leandre seconded the motion.	Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Public Meeting.

Approved by: D. Taylor, President
D. Chason, Secretary
L. Naesea, Executive Director